



Important Dates

**TAFE - Auto Block
Week (23-27)**
Monday 23 September 2024

**SSSSA 11-12
Girls/Boys
Basketball - Whyalla**
Tuesday 24 September 2024

**TAFE -
Electrotechnology
(25-27)**
Wednesday 25 September
2024

Year 8 Camp (25-27)
Wednesday 25 September
2024

**St Vincent de Paul
Feast Day**
Friday 27 September 2024

**Year 10-12
Assembly**
Friday 27 September 2024

Term 3 Concludes
Friday 27 September 2024

R-3 Assembly
Thursday 26 September
2024

Term 4 Commences
Monday 14 October 2024

**TAFE Auto Block
Week (14-18)**
Monday 14 October 2024

**TAFE Electro (14-
16)**
Monday 14 October 2024

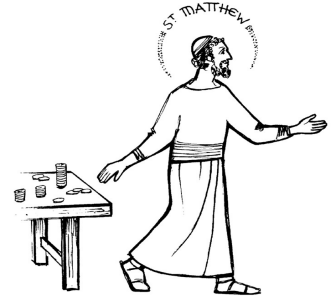
**Student Leadership
Liturgy**
Thursday 17 October 2024

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

St Matthew's Feast Day

This coming Saturday we celebrate St Matthew's Feast Day. Matthew was a tax collector. Meeting Jesus changed his life for the better. Matthew later became an apostle, and he gave us one of the gospel accounts about Jesus' life. His story inspired others as a sign of humility, transformation, compassion and loyalty.

When we look at the life of Mary MacKillop, we see similar values such as inclusivity, kindness, service, strength, courage, and perseverance. We can easily draw lines of similarity between all the saints. While they all made a mark on this world with their own strengths, gifts and talents, let's not forget that they were all inspired by the story of Jesus. Like Matthew and Mary MacKillop, may we draw on our own unique strengths to do extraordinary things in our ordinary world.



Loving God,

We place our needs in your hands. Let us see with open minds that do not judge others. Lead us to forgive others and show compassion and understanding to all those we encounter in the same way that you did for Matthew. Inspire us with a loving concern for others that has the capacity to change people's lives for the better.

Amen.

Parish-School Partnership

Our Year 10-12 students celebrated the Season of Creation mass at All Saints Church on Thursday. This followed the Year 7-9 students celebration last Thursday. Both masses honoured God's beautiful creation and gift to us and inspired us to care for our environment now and into the future.

Next Friday the Year 4-6 students will be celebrating the feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul with a mass at All Saints Church. This will give the students the experience of gathering with our parishioners for a special celebration and learning about Saint Vincent's story and all the important work he continues to inspire.

The Season of Creation masses and St Vincent de Paul's feast day both represent our College and parish working together to express our faith through prayer, liturgy and celebrations.



World Duchenne Awareness Day

Last Tuesday there was a splash of red around our school for a good cause. It was World Duchenne Awareness Day and students wore

a red accessory to increase awareness and raise funds for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. We were pleased to raise \$495 and donate it to the 'Save our Sons' Foundation. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Year 1 Pichi Richi Excursion

On Monday our Year 1 students went on an excursion to the Pichi Richi Railway Museum to experience an older form of transport. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to add value to the learning they have been engaging in at school



SSSSA Basketball

Thanks to Mr Lambert for organising our students to participate in the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 SSSSA Basketball Competition today at the Central Oval. It's great that our students are able to engage in these extra-curricula activities in the wider community, which supports them to learn and grow their interests in different sports and activities. .

Year 12 Sleep Out

On Thursday a good number of our Year 12 students braved the elements and participated in our annual 'sleep out' to raise awareness for those Australians who are homeless. The aim of the event is for students to experience a glimpse of what it might be like for people who are currently without a permanent home or shelter.

Awareness is the greatest agent for change. As we aspire to support and develop our young people to become active citizens in a world where sometimes people find themselves living in hardship and poverty, we hope these types of experiences help shape our students to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Staff Reflection Day

On Friday Week 7 staff engaged in a reflection day that was held at Melrose. Our intention for the day was to make connections with the Season of Creation and our Josephite charism to deepen our understanding to care for God's creation at Caritas College. In doing so, we endeavour to strengthen our commitment to ecological sustainability. Thank you to the families who supported this important experience on a student free day for staff to engage in faith formation which nurtures the mission and vision of our school.



Interim Reports - Years 3 - 12

Parents/Caregivers of students in Years 3-12 will receive an Interim Report for their child(ren) at the end of next week via SEQTA Engage. The Interim Report will indicate the grade achieved so far this semester, as well as the student's effort in each learning area. Please take this opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and growth at this point in the school year. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about their Interim Report.

Enrolments for 2025

We are currently mapping out how 2025 will look for our school. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to the front office as soon as possible. We also ask that an Application for Enrolment form be filled out for any new children starting in 2025 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake). These can be requested via our [website](#) or collected from the front office at any time.

From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission, Chloe Shanahan

Season of Creation Masses

Over the last two weeks, to acknowledge the Season of Creation, our students in Years 7-12 have celebrated a special mass at All Saints Church. Fr Jim spoke beautifully about the importance of caring for creation, something that was gifted to us by God, and made us consider the interconnectedness of our planet through the food we eat. From a simple bowl of muesli, we were reminded of what the oat plant requires to grow – the water, good soil and microbes, wind to pollinate the plants – as well as the farmer who harvests the oats which are then sent through a supply chain. Students have been challenged to consider the impact that our choices have on our world's most poor and vulnerable, truly highlighting that everything is connected.

Year 4-6 Mass - St Vincent de Paul

Next Friday 27 September, our Year 4-6 students will celebrate

a special mass at All Saints Church to celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul. St Vincent de Paul was a priest who devoted his whole life to the poor. His family were disadvantaged however he still received an education and later entered the seminary to train to become a priest. He worked throughout his priestly ministry teaching others the Good News of Jesus and working with the most disadvantaged in our community – two values which the St Vincent de Paul Society continue in their good works today.

Students will need to be dropped at All Saints Church by 8:45am. Staff will be present at the church from 8:20am. At the conclusion of mass, students will catch buses back to school.



International Day of Peace

Each year, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

This year marks 25 years since the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace. The UN recognised that peace is not just an absence of conflict but a participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are resolved through mutual understanding and cooperation. Education is an important principal to build a culture of peace in our local communities and our world.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

St Francis of Assisi



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Families with children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation are reminded that enrolment masses will be held this weekend, Saturday

21 September at 6:30pm and Sunday 22 September at 10:30am. A reminder to families with the dates of preparation, breaking over the school holidays.

First Reconciliation	Saturday 14 th or Sunday 15 th September	Saturday 21 st or Sunday 22 nd September <i>Spare: 28/29 September 5/6 and 12/13 October</i>	Saturday 19 th or Sunday 20 th October	Thursday 24 th October 7.00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday 26 th or Sunday 27 th October
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Teaching and Learning

Year 5 STEM

Students have been learning about weathering, erosion and deposition. They examined local Australian landforms that have been effected. Students researched the 12 Apostle's and discovered that they are falling into the sea. They had to investigate the problem, brainstorm ideas and come up with solution to try and prevent further deterioration and protect them.

Students were very creative with their ideas and solutions. They made prototypes to demonstrate their ideas.



Year 9 Rite Journey

During Week 9, the Year 9 Rite Journey boys had a focus on life skills that they will need as they move into young adulthood. After discussing a range of different skills that they will need in the near future, they learnt how to tie a tie, as well as tying a tie onto their peers. All the boys found the experience both fun and beneficial and enjoyed the challenge.



Year 12 Health and Wellbeing

The Year 12 Health and Wellbeing class have been looking into ways to improve the emotional and mental health of our elderly citizens. Last week they met with Mayor Linley Shine to discuss the needs of our older residents and ways we could empower our community to reduce risk factors associated with loneliness, loss of mobility and social isolation. This week the class organised a Mentor Morning where they explored the benefits of intergenerational learning. We were delighted to welcome Paul, Barry, Annette, Camille, Carmel and Jill, who shared stories with us and the year 6s about their childhood, highlights of their lives and gave us some valuable advice about respect, responsibility and enjoying life to the fullest. The year 6s then guided our visitors in a game of Kahoot which was a fun way to end the morning.



Out and About



Caritas Coffee and Cake
**END OF TERM
CELEBRATIONS**



BARISTA MADE COFFEE

Join Us For Coffee and Nibbles!
Cookies and Savouries Available
Where: The Broughton Room
Time: From 9am To 10:00

Monday 23rd September



FIRST NATIONS

Come and Try

The First Nations Tennis Program is designed to give primary school age students an opportunity to play tennis in a safe, fun environment. Tennis SA are inviting children who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander between the age of 5 and 12 years of age for a fun afternoon of Tennis and a BBQ after the session.



Venue Port Augusta Tennis Association
2-8 Augusta Terrace

Date Wednesday 23 October

Time 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Cost FREE

Secure your spot now!

Contact ldoughty@tennis.com.au

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



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Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing



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your personal best.



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session

Port Augusta & District Little Athletics Club
Season Starting Soon
20th October 2024 Sunday 0830hrs
Stirling North Primary School

Register today at
littleathletics.com.au



SEASON 2024 - 25

WE ARE TINY TOTS

Program for 3-5 Year Olds

Port Augusta & District Little Athletics Club

20th October 2024

Every **Sunday Morning**

Stirling North Primary School

Lee Holmes

President: 0407918524 : Facebook



**CARITAS CUBS
RECEPTION TRANSITION
PROGRAM**

18 OCTOBER - 6 DECEMBER

Friday 8.30am - 11.30am

Friday 12.00pm - 3.00pm



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THURSDAYS**

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**SWEET CHILLI TENDERS
CHICKEN & HAM**

COST: \$8.50

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2024 Playgroup Parent and Caregiver Survey

Catholic Education South Australia is seeking feedback from **all playgroup parents and caregivers** in relation to their experiences at playgroup this year.

As parents and caregivers, your feedback is highly important to us and helps to shape and strengthen our supported playgroup programs across South Australia.

We thank you in advance for your time and the feedback you are able to contribute.

Please scan the QR Code to access the survey or [Click Here](#)





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